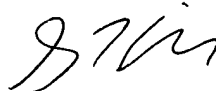


## REMARKS

## CONCLUSION

Applicants believe the claims are now in condition for allowance for the foregoing reasons. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the claims on their merits. If, in the Examiner's opinion, a telephone conference may be helpful, Applicants' counsel may be contacted at the number below.

Presented with the highest regards  
under 37 C.F.R. §1.34(a),



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